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09/991,870	11/26/2001	Zvi Feldman	053332-5002	3265

TITLE OF INVENTION: COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MILLING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING LENSES FOR CLIP-ON ACCESSORY

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Effective October 1, 2003, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Erica E Cadogan	Art Unit 3722

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to RCE filed 9/3/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-27.
3. The drawings filed on 26 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

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9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Erica E Cadogan
Patent Examiner
Art Unit: 3722

SUPPLEMENTAL REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As previously set forth in the Examiner's Amendment mailed 5/5/2003, U.S. Pat. No. 3,587,390 (Lohneis et al.) is representative of the closest prior art of record to the presently-claimed invention.

Lohneis teaches a machining device including a horizontally and vertically movable spindle 20 or "drill bit unit" that is used to machine workpieces mounted for rotation on index tables 34, 34A (see Figure 1). The metal working tool 21 taught by Lohneis (see Figure 1) is considered a rotatable "drill bit" as set forth in claims 6 and 18. Lohneis teaches the use of motors 27, 22, 40, and the motor shown in Figure 1 at the top of the column 13 that are controlled by automatic control means 30 (Figure 1). While Lohneis does not specifically teach that the workpiece that is mounted on the indexable work tables 34, 34A is a "lens", it is noted that a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. In a claim drawn to a process of making, the intended use must result in a manipulative difference as compared to the prior art. See *In re Casey*, 152 USPQ 235 (CCPA 1967) and *In re Otto*, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963). Additionally note that "[i]nclusion of material or article worked on by a structure being claimed does not impart patentability to the claims." *In re Young*, 75 F.2d 966, 25 USPQ 69 (CCPA 1935) (as restated in *In re Otto*, 312

F.2d 937, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963)). See also MPEP section 2115. In the instant case, there appears to be no reason why Lohneis' device could not be used to operate on a "lens".

However, Lohneis does not teach the claimed "means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position" as set forth in the present specification (see page 10, for example). Thus, Lohneis does not anticipate the present invention as set forth in the independent claims 6 and 18.

Additionally, there is no teaching of such a "means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position" in the prior art of record to combine with Lohneis to arrive at the invention as set forth in independent claims 6 and 18.

Specifically, note that although U.S. Pat. No. 1,577,975 teaches a spring device structurally similar to that of the present invention (see Figure 6, present invention, see Figures 1 and 3 of '975), '975's spring device is used as a tool spindle counterbalance rather than as a "means adapted for maintaining a worktable in a desired position", and thus, there is no motivation to combine the teachings of '975 with those of Lohneis to arrive at the presently-claimed invention.

Additionally, regarding DE 19616526 ('526), presently cited by Applicant, Applicant has provided an English translation of '526. Accordingly, all references to pages and line numbers will be with respect to the provided English translation. '526 provides a teaching of a lens machining device including a rotatable workpiece spindle 20 including a workpiece holder 22 for holding therein a lens blank or optical body 23 (see Figures 1-2 and page 6, the paragraph beginning "[t]he plane on which the common rotation axis...", for example). '526 specifically teaches that the workpiece can be intermittently rotated by means of a drive or servo motor 21

that is controlled by a servo controller 24 connected to a computer 25 (page 6, last two paragraphs). Thus, the workpiece is set to a desired position via the servo motor 21. However, the present specification clearly differentiates between merely “setting” the position of the worktable with a servo system and maintaining the worktable in that set position with the device described on page 10 once it has already been set with the servo system (page 7, lines 15-20 and page 10, lines 1-6, specifically, and generally page 10, lines 1-27, for example). ‘526 does not provide a teaching of a “means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position” as set forth in the present specification. Thus, ‘526 does not overcome the deficiencies of the aforementioned prior art to render obvious claims 6 and 18.

Additionally, U.S. Pat. No. 3,903,758 (‘758) teaches a device for keeping the indexed table at its fixed position (see Figures 4 and 6). Specifically, ‘758 teaches an index table plate 2. Retractable plunger 35 has a head 40 mounted thereon (see Figures 4 and 6), and serves to prevent rotation of the table plate 2 via the engagement of head 40 with tooth formation 31 (see Figures 4, 6, and col. 1, lines 36-45, for example). However, it is noted that such a device for maintaining the worktable 2 in a set position differs from Applicant’s described “means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position” (page 10, for example). Specifically, note that ‘758 and/or known similar devices thereto utilize a positive engagement of a locking device with the table to maintain the set position of the worktable. However, the described “means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position” does not require such positive engagement, but instead relies on a tension force provided by a spiral spring (see page 10 of the present specification for example). Thus, ‘758’s device is not a structural equivalent to the present invention, and does not perform the same function “in substantially the same way” as the present

invention. Furthermore, '758's device and that of the present invention cannot be considered art-recognized equivalents since they are not equivalent -- specifically note that the present "means for maintaining the worktable in a set position" does not require the use of a separate actuation device for the maintaining means as does/would '758's device or other devices utilizing positive engagement of a locking device with the table, and also note that since there is no positive engagement of a locking device in the present invention, wear on the moving parts of such a device would not have to be taken into consideration. Thus, for at least these reasons, '758 and devices similar thereto that involve the positive engagement of a locking member with the work table to maintain the position of the table are not considered equivalents to the presently-claimed "means adapted for maintaining the worktable in a set position", and thus '758, or any known device similar thereto involving the positive engagement of a locking member with the worktable, does not render obvious the present invention.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the present invention as set forth in independent claims 6 and 18.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erica E Cadigan whose telephone number is (703) 308-6395. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea L. Wellington can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9302.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.



Erica E Cadigan
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